

CURRENT NEWS.

WASHINGTON.

The Treasury resigned special payments on January 1 with a coin balance of \$25,000,000—\$20,000,000 in gold and \$5,000,000 in silver.

The public debt statement published Jan. 1 shows an increase in the debt during the preceding month of \$1,233,785. Total debt outstanding, \$1,809,812,500; total debt, \$2,007,202,245; total interest, \$4,841,703; cash in Treasury, \$224,835,477; total, including currency and special deposits, \$274,806,027; debt, less cash in Treasury, \$2,028,648,111.

Gen. Sheridan has published another letter to Secretary Schurz on the Indian question, and Mr. Schurz is announced as having his rejoinder in course of preparation.

A package containing \$10,000 in currency was stolen from the safe of the Government Printing Office in Washington on the 2d. The money was intended for the payment of employees. The thief made good his escape.

The Government Directors of the Union Pacific Railroad have submitted their annual report to the Secretary of the Interior. They believe that, in view of its success as a commercial enterprise, it should be submitted to the Senate, and that it should be a country. It is for the reason that the stockholders and managers have absorbed as dividends the money which ought to have been expended in maintaining the road, that the directors are now in a position to make a report on the road which is not only a record of its success, but also a record of its failure.

Charles Francis Adams, Jr., has resigned his position as Government Director of the Union Pacific Railroad, for the reason that he expressed in his letter of resignation that an officer who represents the Government in a quasi-judicial position should not be dependent upon the railroad company for compensation, as is provided by the law creating the office.

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ADVERTISING TERMS.

Legal and Transient.  
One square, one insertion.....\$1.00  
Each subsequent insertion......50  
Final Settlement Notice......40  
Notice of Sale of Real Estate......40  
Notice of a single animal......40  
Each additional line......25

Regular Column Rates.

One-fourth col., six months.....\$3.00  
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One col., one year.....12.00  
Two col., one year.....20.00  
Three col., one year.....30.00  
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Some Funny Newspaper Blunders.

A great many columns have been written concerning typographic errors, and many of the instances sound so witty or so stupid that it seems as if they must be rather inventions than actual blunders. But we never saw one cited so unlikely that we couldn't remember its match. Once we wrote that it was "like evoking the shadow of a shadow," to quote forgotten writers. The phrase appeared in print thus: "Like evoking the shadow of a shadow." The printer had, in burlesquing the sentiment, actually preserved and intensified into an incoherence, a type of unsatisfactoriness. At another time we had the proverbial opinion of Rosalind, "Men have died and worms have eaten them, but not for love." The printer may have been angry as he would like, but he substituted "women" for "worms." There are Shakespeare emendations not much better than that, perhaps. In one of the country weeklies we recently saw an account of the presentation to some one of a Bible "bound in 'guilt.'" In a discussion one spoke of "the divine totality of being;" it was reported that "the sublime" entered, "of feeling."

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ITEMS OF INTEREST.

Personal and Literary.

—Gladstone gets \$50 a page for his contributions to the *Nineteenth Century*, while smaller fry have to put up with \$25.

—Rev. W. W. H. Murray's *Golden Rule* has been discontinued as a weekly and will hereafter appear as a monthly magazine.

—The Princess Mary of Lichtenstein, formerly Miss Fox, an adopted daughter of Lord Holland and authoress of several works, died recently in Syria.

—A Jew by birth and a Christian by accident, is Mr. Henry Dunckerly (editor of the leading Manchester paper) description in the *Nineteenth Century* of the British Prime Minister.

—Burns's granddaughter, Mrs. Eliza Everett (she was the daughter of the poet's eldest son, James Burns), has just died at Bath. It was an uncommon treat to hear her sing some of Burns's songs.

—The Swedish poetess, Mme. Almqvist, died at Stockholm on the 30th of November. She was born in 1799, and was the author of several dramas that had some success at the beginning of the century.

—Boston is getting up a big author's carnival or fair. There are to be ten booths, each devoted to the sale of one author's books by pretty girls dressed to represent the author's characters. The girls will also read selections from the books, and the profits are to go to a charity.

—Dr. Jobert is about to return to France after having explored the Amazon with reference to its natural history, and more especially its ichthyology. He claims to have fully cleared up all the respecting the curae with which the Indians poison their arrows.

—Horace Greeley, once being called on to advise some young men who wanted to go to Europe and pay their expenses by writing for the newspapers, said: "I never knew but one of your class, Bayard Taylor, who achieved a fortune in this way, and he is now left home a good type-setter, with some knowledge of modern languages, so that he stopped and worked at his trade whenever his funds ran short."

—A young French sculptor, named Vidal, who had been studying in Paris, in his art, has been totally blind ever since the age of 21. Before this age Vidal had been a pupil in the atelier of Barre, and had learned the technicalities of the position, and he was, he was struck with blindness. He persevered in the profession he had adopted, and after months of patient labor, found that he could really make his fingers do the work of eyes.

Science and Industry.

—The world's production of gold is one-third less than in 1850.

—The English duty on tobacco amounts to some \$45,000,000 a year.

—Ottumwa, Iowa, claims the largest packing-house west of Chicago.

—The oyster business of Virginia just now employs 10,000 men in catching, opening and packing.

—The gold mines of Georgia are said to produce not less than \$1,000,000 bullion per annum.

—A Prague chemist has invented a mirror which reveals the contents of vessels without removing the heads.

—A canning establishment at Benton Harbor, Mich., put up nearly 100,000 cans of tomatoes this season, and is now canning poultry and game.

—New Zealand has just ordered three American ships to visit the island, the first intimation that many people have that there is a long line of railroad in that country.

—The Gloucester fishermen follow a peculiar custom. The report for the past year shows a loss of 35 lives and eight vessels, which is below the average, the figures of 1876 being 212 and 27.

—Thirty years ago the profession of mining engineer was almost unknown in the United States. The American Institute of Mining Engineers numbers over 700 members.

—Colorado contemplates the introduction of the yak or Thibet ox, which is a large animal, and is used in Thibet, and the hair of which is used in manufacturing the beautiful Thibet shawls.

—Geologists have reported that there is in Japan enough workable coal to produce a year's output equal to that of Great Britain for 1,000 years. The Japanese Government have agreed to grant a loan of \$1,500,000 for the purpose of working it.

—The *Guinness News* says that lemons brought to its office, grown by Mr. Deats of Dickinson Bayou, lately, weighed 171 ounces. It has lately been found that the "laid water" district of Texas is unsurpassed for raising oranges and lemons.

—Muskrat farming is a rural industry in Iowa. A good pond or marsh, stocked, is said to yield a profitable return after two years, the trapping being done in the third year. The muskrat is a creature of leisure, and affording much amusement to the younger members of the family.

School and Church.

—The public school at Deadwood opened on Dec. 16 with 142 pupils.

—Rev. Leonard Woods, at one time President of Bowdoin College, and author of many volumes, is dead.

—The school authorities of Muncie, Ind., have made arrangements for having photography taught in the public schools.

—Montevideo, Mass., has a model clergyman. He and his wife taught a class of botany free last summer, and now they propose to teach German to all who will provide themselves with textbooks.

—The Methodist population of the world is estimated at 20,000,000, and the number of communicants at 4,489,877. In the United States the membership is about 3,398,999, with 26,442 local and 22,194 itinerant preachers.

—Dr. R. D. Budington, for nearly a quarter of a century pastor of the Clinton Avenue Presbyterian Church, Brooklyn, has resigned. He has been suffering from an operation for the removal of a cancer from his lip, and is compelled to cease from work.

—The growing sentiment in favor of recognizing woman's ability to practice medicine successfully is attested in the action of the Cincinnati Academy of Medicine, which has just admitted Mrs. Dr. Julia Carpenter to full membership. She is the first of her sex to receive this mark of appreciation.

A Splendid Wife.

We once knew a man who was always praising his wife. On the corner, down the street, at the Post-office, at the race-track, in the skating-rink, at the theater, in the sal— that is, at the choir-meeting, he was always telling what a happy man he was, just because he had such a splendid wife, and he talked of envy about her. 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